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474 occurred in the Estonian SSR the following percentage decrease by 1950 as compared to 1939: arable land, 12 per cent; horses, 3 per cent; cattle, 21 per cent; pigs, 10 per cent; sheep and goats, 48 per cent; butter production, 49 per cent; meat production, 66 per cent.

The average size of the kolkhozes in Estonia is 2,000 hectares. Exact data about kolkhoz [475] equipment are lacking, but according to Vaba Eesti Sõna 5 May 1955, there are now 69 machine and tractor stations in the Estonian SSR, with 200-300 personnel in each. Reports, according to the same source, are that the tractors frequently break down and work goes unfinished.

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C O N S T I T U T I O N

(Fundamental Law)

of the

ESTONIAN

SOVIET SOCIALIST

REPUBLIC

of August 25, 1940

As amended to November 1947

Chapter I. The Social Structure

642 Art. 1. The Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic is a socialist state of workers and peasants.

Art. 2. The political foundation of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic is the Soviets of Working People's Deputies, firmly established as a result of the overthrow of the power of the capitalists and big landowners and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Art. 3. All power in the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic belongs to the working people of town and country as represented by the Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

471 Art. 4. The economic foundation of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic is the socialist system of economy and the socialist ownership of the instruments and means of production, firmly established as the result of the liquidation of the capitalist system of economy, the abolition of private ownership of the instruments and means of production in large industrial enterprises and the nationalization of such enterprises with a view to the complete abolition of the exploitation of man by man and the construction of a socialist system of society.

Art. 5. Socialist property in the Estonian SSR exists either in the form of state property (belonging to the whole people) or in the form of co-operative property.

475 421 Art. 6. The land, its mineral wealth, waters, forests, mills, factories, mines, rail, water and air transport, banks, communications, large state-organized agricultural enterprises (state farms, machine and tractor stations and the like), as well as municipal enterprises and the bulk of the dwelling houses in the cities and industrial localities, are state property, that is, belong to the whole people.

474 421 Art. 7. The common enterprises of co-operative organizations, with their livestock and implements, the products of co-operative organizations, as well as their common buildings, constitute the common, socialist property of the co-operative organizations.

1 [Errata: Insert "banks, transport and means of communication." Cf. Errata sheet, Cat. 116, p. 1 p. 1 --Analyst]